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Dear Bob Woodward,

Pursuant to our conversation this morning, I will be lending you on Wednesday the following pictures: Jose Duarte, Lendido Richante and Celso Hernandez. In addition, because of a slight suggestion in taking these from my files, that of Miguel Rodriguez. Although he seems too fat and too young, he does bear a slight resemblance to one of this a.m.'s Post's pictures, Because of the reference to mercenary training, also a file of pictures taken at one such camp, No-Name Key (Sometimes Big Pine). Near Marathon.

The training-camp pictures were obtained by me from one Lawrence Howard, former mercenary, at his El Monte, Calif., home, when I interviewed thim there, as I now recall in February 1968. These are copies made from the originals, which were returned to him. All or most were mounted, as some show.

There are several pictures identified as of Gerald Patrick Hemming ("Patrick's Raiders"). He has changed and fattened much since then. I interviewed him 10/31/68, with Lawrence Howard, at Hemming's El Monte apartment, 2668 Hoyt Ave. Howard then lived at 12229 Pineville. Howard seemed the most honest of three, the other, Loran Eugene Hall, last reported (unconfirmed) working for part of the mob at Palm Springs. All are soldier-of-fortune types, anti-Castro mercenaries, etc. My Hemming file contains some of his comment (letter of Feb 3/63) on Fiorini and Fiorini and Diaz Lanz. All these characters should know something about all or most of the men arrested.

I do not know how relevant my Cuban files are, but you are welcome to access to them if you think they may be. This includes zany connections with Hargis, Walker and Republican politics, nationally and in Louisiana and Florida

These pictures are only copies. I'd rather have you hold on to them than mail them back. I can pick them up in the future when I am in D.C. or arrange a place near the Post for you to leave them.

You may want to make a futures note to talk to me about the files maintained under the Corrupt Practises Act. I think the law was changed as a result of some of the things I dug out of these files long ago. If it has not been, whoever paid for this job will have to account for the expenditure or face jail. In the late 30s the Republican National Committee had overt fascists in its pay, from these files. I also got much of Father Coughlin's financing from them. And other things that then interested me.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg